

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraphs [00017] through [00019] with the following paragraphs:

[00017] The gearbox drive unit 1 includes a housing part 2, which is comprised of a gear housing part 3 and a drive housing part 4. The gear housing part 3 of the housing part 2 has a circular ring-shaped section 5, which is interrupted in the area of the drive housing part 4 of the housing part 2. Fixing domes 6, 7, 8 are attached to the gear housing part 3 and a fixing dome 9 is fixed to the drive housing part 4 by means of a fixing element 10, whereby the fixing element 10 is a part of the housing part 2. At least one of the fixing domes 6, 7, 8 and 9 is fixed to a structure S, such as a motor vehicle body.

[00018] The fixing domes 6, 7, 8 can be displaced along the circumference 15 of the circular ring-shaped section 5 before their fixation to the circular ring-shaped section 5 of the gear housing part 3. Because of the displaceability, it is possible to adapt the position of the fixing domes 6, 7, 8 to a preset screw image or screw layout. The fixing dome 9 can be displaced in an unfixed state along the edge 16 of the fixing element 10 of the housing part 2. In addition, the fixing dome 9 can also be attached to edge 17. Because of the choice of the position of the fixing dome 9 on edge 16 or edge 17, it is possible to adapt to the preset screw layout image.

[00019] The fixation of the fixing dome 7 to the circular ring-shaped section 5 of the housing part 2 is explained in detail in the following on the basis of Fig. 2. Fixation of the fixing domes 6, 8 to the circular ring-shaped section 5 or of the fixing dome 9 to the fixing element 10 is accomplished correspondingly. A smaller or larger number of fixing domes can be provided depending upon the preset screw layout image.

Please replace paragraph [00021] with the following paragraph:

[00021] The fixing dome 7 features a projection 20, which engages in a groove 21 embodied on the circular ring-shaped section 5 of the housing part 2. The groove 21 in this connection is embodied circumferentially on the circular ring-shaped section 5. As a result, the fixing dome 7 can be displaced before its fixation circumferentially on the circular ring-shaped section 5 in order to establish the position that corresponds to the preset screw layout image. In the desired position, an additional connection of the fixing dome 7 to the circular ring-shaped section 5 of the housing part 2 of the gearbox drive unit 1 is accomplished via a welded connection embodied by means of a weld seam 22. The connection of the fixing dome 7 and the housing part 2 is therefore accomplished by a combination of the connection,

which is made by the projection 20 engaging in the groove 21, and the connection which is made by the weld seam 22.

Please replace paragraph [00031] with the following paragraph:

**[00031]** The invention is not limited to the described exemplary embodiments. In particular, instead of the stepped bore hole 23 other means can also be provided to fix the fixing domes 6, 7, 8, 9 to a structure, e.g., the body of a motor vehicle. For example, the fixing domes 6, 7, 8, 9 can also be fixed to the structure using a plug-in connection. Therefore, the term “screw image” or “screw layout” used in the application is not meant to be understood in a restricted manner with respect to fixation of the gearbox drive unit 1 by means of the fixing domes 6, 7, 8, 9 that only fixation by means of screw connections is possible, but that plug-in-type connections in particular are also possible.